



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

In Reply Refer To:

The enclosed "Statement of the Case" is our response to your recent "Notice of Disagreement" with our decision in your case. It lets you know how we reached our decision and will help you decide whether to continue your appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

If you do decide to continue your appeal, you will need to file a formal appeal. You can do that by completing and filing the enclosed VA Form 9, Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals. *Please read the instructions that come with the VA Form 9 very carefully.* They tell you what you need to do, and how much time you have to do it, if you want to continue your appeal. They also tell you about how to get assistance, about your hearing rights, and about a number of other important things.

☐ If this box is checked, your case involves a simultaneously contested claim and you only have 30 days from the date we mailed you this letter to file your VA Form 9. If you need more time, write to us and let us know *before* the 30 days are up. See VA Form 9 instructions for more information about time limits for completing your appeal.

Please let us know if you have any questions, or if you did not receive a copy of VA Form 9 with this mailing.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures